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1. USDEL SURPRISED TO READ THAT COMPOSITION OF HRC WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER CONSENSUS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AS REPORTED REFTEL. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT IN GENEVA. IN FACT, HRC CHAIRMAN ALLANA, WHO IS TO APPOINT WG UNDER CONSENSUS RESOLUTION, INFORMS US THAT HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING PRESSURES FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON GROUP. MOST SERIOUS PRESSURE HAS COME FROM ZORIN (USSR) WHO HAS CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP FOR HIMSELF IN SPITE OF ASSURANCES, WHICH AFRICAN NEGOTIATORS OF CONSENSUS RESOLUTION TELL US HE GAVE THEM, THAT HE WOULD NOT CLAIM A PLACE FOR AN EE COUNTRY. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO REPORTS THAT HE HAS HAD A REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP FROM YUGOSLAVIA. IN ORDER TO COUNTER EE PRESSURES, CHAIRMAN HAS CANVASSED WEO HRC

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MEMBERS IN THE HOPE THAT HE MIGHT REFUSE CHOICE OF

EE MEMBER ON GROUNDS THAT WEOS WILL ALSO HAVE BEEN LEFT OFF. THIS PLOY HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY INSISTENCE OF AUSTRIAN HRC MEMBER (ERMACORA) THAT HE BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FOUR LA MEMBERS OF THE HRC (ECUADOR, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA AND PANAMA) ARE SEEKING PLACES ON WG.

2. ON BASIS OF CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS AND CONTACTS WITH HRC CHAIRMAN, USDEL PREDICTS HE WILL ULTIMATELY DECIDE IN FAVOR OF WORKING GROUP ALONG LINES OF THAT ANNOUNCED BY CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. CHAIRMAN HOPES TO ANNOUNCE HIS CHOICES ON LAST DAY OF HRC SESSION, MARCH 7.. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP WILL BE ALLANA (PAKISTAN) WITH PROBABILITY THAT REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS WILL BE TWO LAS, AND TWO AFRICANS. ALLANA FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE POSITION OF CHILE IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT A MEMBER FROM AN EE COUNTRY AND WE ARE SURE HE WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF WG BY MAKING SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

3. USDEL HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH AMB. DIEZ (CHILE) WHO IS AWARE OF THE PRESSURES BEING EXERTED UPON CHAIRMAN ALLANA. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US, AMB. DIEZ HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH A WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF ONE ASIAN, TWO LAS AND TWO AFRICANS. IN FACT, HE HAS STATED THAT SUCH A MAKEUP WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ONE WHICH INCLUDED A MEMBER FROM A WEO COUNTRY. AMB. DIEZ HAS NOTED THAT SINCE CHILE IS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY HE WOULD PREFER THAT THOSE DESIGNATED TO CARRY OUT THE INQUIRY INTO THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION BE DRAWN FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DALE

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